

## Federal Management Regulation

## § 102-117.85

### § 102-117.65 What terms and conditions must all rate tenders or contracts include?

All rate tenders and contracts must include, at a minimum, the following terms and conditions:

- (a) Charges cannot be prepaid.
- (b) Charges are not paid at time of delivery.
- (c) Interest shall accrue from the voucher payment date on overcharges made and shall be paid at the same rate in effect on that date as published by the Secretary of the Treasury according to the Debt Collection Act of 1982, 31 U.S.C. 3717.
- (d) To qualify for the rates specified in a rate tender filed under the provisions of the Federal transportation procurement statutes (49 U.S.C. 10721 or 13712), property must be shipped by or for the Government and the rate tender must indicate the Government is either the consignor or the consignee and include the following statement:

Transportation is for the (agency name) and the total charges paid to the transportation service provider by the consignor or consignee are for the benefit of the Government.

- (e) When using a rate tender for transportation under a cost-reimbursable contract, include the following statement in the rate tender:

Transportation is for the (agency name), and the actual total transportation charges paid to the transportation service provider by the consignor or consignee are to be reimbursed by the Government pursuant to cost reimbursable contract (number). This may be confirmed by contacting the agency representative at (name, address and telephone number).

- (f) Other terms and conditions that may be specific to your agency or the TSP such as specialized packaging requirements or HAZMAT. For further information see the “U.S. Government Freight Transportation Handbook,” available by contacting:

General Services Administration  
Federal Supply Service  
Audit Division (FBA)  
1800 F Street, NW.  
Washington, DC 20405  
<http://www.fss.gsa.gov/transtrav>

### § 102-117.70 Where do I find more information on terms and conditions?

You may find more information about terms and conditions in part 102-118 of this chapter, or the “U.S. Government Freight Transportation Handbook” (see § 102-117.65(f)).

### § 102-117.75 How do I reference the rate tender on transportation documents?

To ensure proper reference of a rate tender on all shipments, you must show the applicable rate tender number and carrier identification on all transportation documents, such as, section 13712 quotation, “ABC Transportation Company, Tender Number \* \* \*”.

### § 102-117.80 How are rate tenders filed?

- (a) The TSP must file an electronic rate tender with your agency. Details of what must be included when submitting electronic tenders is located in § 102-118.260(b) of this subchapter.

- (b) You must send two copies of the rate tender to—General Services Administration, Federal Supply Service, Audit Division (FBA), 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405, [www.gsa.gov/transaudits](http://www.gsa.gov/transaudits).

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### § 102-117.85 What is the difference between a Government bill of lading (GBL) and a bill of lading?

- (a) A Government bill of lading (GBL), Optional Forms 1103 and 1203, is a controlled document that conveys specific terms and conditions to protect the Government interest and serves as the contract of carriage.

- (b) A bill of lading, sometimes referred to as a commercial bill of lading, is the document used as a receipt of goods and documentary evidence of title.

- (c) Use a bill of lading for Government shipments if the specific terms and conditions of a GBL are included in any contract or rate tender (see § 102-117.65) and the bill of lading makes reference to that contract or rate tender (see § 102-117.75 and the “U.S. Government Freight Transportation Handbook”).